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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsugio OKAMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2854

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

**APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

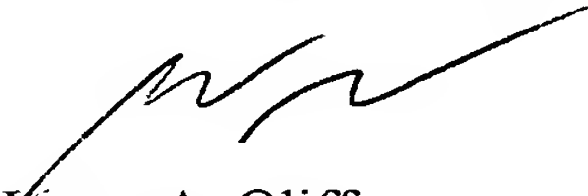
Further to the personal interview conducted on April 13, 2005, Applicant herein provides a separate record of the personal interview. Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Culler to Applicant's representative during the personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of claims 1-4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Kishida et al. (Kishida), U.S. Patent No. 6,315,468, and claims 5, 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kishida in view of Lee et al. (Lee), U.S. Patent No. 6,629,787.

As agreed during the personal interview, Kishida and Lee fail to disclose or suggest an ink-jet recording apparatus with a guide shift mechanism that includes a slidable torquer having a rack directly engaged with the gears and imparting a torque to the gears to rotate the gears, as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claim 10.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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